

Re: FCC Proceeding 12-375

I believe that the FCC must address the widespread practice of exorbitant phone rates, including interstate phone rates, for prisoners, detainees, and their families and friends. These extremely high rates which include extra charges and kickbacks to state and local governments could never exist for the general market. The fact is that these rates are a form of price gouging based on taking advantage of a vulnerable and captive (quite literally) audience who have no alternative but to submit to paying these artificially inflated prices. In any other circumstances, this kind of price gouging would be considered a crime, not to mention immoral. I expect the FCC to cap these rates to set an example and press others to end their illegitimate profiteering.

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